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1. [ ] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that the Chairman's and the Committee's time is so taken with material relating to the Department of Army that they have little time for anything else. He is holding a tickler, however, and will call me whenever he has the time to join him in a review of documents relating to the Agency on defense matters that are held in Committee files. I thanked Mr. Preston and told him I would be available to assist whenever his schedule will allow.

I reviewed with him the 9 September memorandum on the Soviet Backfire aircraft. He asked that the memorandum be held for possible future call for his discussion with Chairman Mahon.

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2. [ ] I met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that he expects to meet with Representative Nedzi (D., Mich.) tomorrow or possibly Friday to discuss the new Subcommittee on Intelligence with him. At that time they will be taking up the question of a visit to the Agency. Mr. Slatinshek will call after he talks to Representative Nedzi. I discussed with Mr. Slatinshek the 9 September memorandum on the Soviet Backfire aircraft. Mr. Slatinshek asked if I would verify the combat radius of the aircraft where in flight refueling is used. The memorandum was returned to the Agency.

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3. [ ] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and briefed him on recent developments in the Soviet ICBM and ABM programs.

At his request I also provided Woodruff with copies of papers which we had prepared for Senator Stennis and Ed Braswell on Laos.

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4. [ ] Met with Senator Frank Church regarding

a letter he had written to [ ] of the University of Montana, stating that Senator Church had reliable information that Air America was responsible for defoliation operations in Cambodia. A

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copy of Senator Church's letter had been sent to the Director for comment by [ ] Windham College in Vermont. I explained to the Senator we were much concerned over this allegation and the Director authorized me to deny it categorically. I added that while we were not prying into the identity of the Senator's source, we were curious as to whether this source's allegations were based on honest mistake or malice. If the former, I suggested the Senator might wish to straighten him out. Senator Church said he couldn't remember off hand where he learned this information but would check his files. He said he fully accepted our denial.

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5. [ ] After consulting the Director I called Joe Wolf, in State, to say that we could not give him any answer to the question as to how we would respond if called upon by Symington to testify on intelligence exchange agreements. I said these agreements were largely informal, ad hoc, and sensitive. In any event I said State had insisted on getting us in the act by implying that the Senator should turn to us for information on intelligence exchanges, and we were in no position to commit ourselves in advance as to how we would respond to a request to appear. I said we would try to talk our way out of it and failing this, would try to talk to our Subcommittee Chairman but in any event we'd probably have to ad hoc it depending on the circumstances. Wolf said he understood our position, and thanked me for giving him information on the basis of which he hoped he could put the matter to rest in the Department.

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6. [ ] Attempted to see Senator Jackson (D., Wash.) to brief him on recent developments on Soviet strategic missiles but he was unavailable and I was told to try again tomorrow.

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7. [ ] Talked to John Lehman, of the White House staff, regarding Senator Stennis' (D., Miss.) letter to the President concerning Agency involvement in Laos. See Memo for Record.

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8. [REDACTED] Delivered to the offices of Senators George McGovern (D., S. Dak.), Edward Kennedy (D., Mass.), Adlai Stevenson (D., Ill.), Edmund Muskie (D., Me.), Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) and Charles Percy (R., Ill.) [REDACTED] items in which their names were mentioned.

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9. [REDACTED] In response to her request, sent application forms and brochures to Sarah Etheredge, in the office of Representative James C. Corman (D., Calif.).

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